

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. In response to communications filed on 6/19/2008, the following claims 1, 3, 23, 30, and 32; cancels claim 36, and adds claims 44-48. The following claims 1-5, 7-14, 23-30, 32-35, and 37-48 are pending and are presented for examination.

1.1 Applicant's arguments, see pages 10-16, filed on 10/29/2007, with respect to the rejection of the claims have been fully considered and they are persuasive as amended.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael J. Donahue on September 12, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 36-38 and 44 should be replaced by the following claims.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently amended) The article of manufacture of claim ~~36~~ 30 wherein said stop

condition is an expiration time.

38. (Currently amended) The article of manufacture of claim ~~36~~ 30 wherein said stop condition is based on network traffic conditions.

44. (New) A method for intrusion detection in a network comprising:
receiving indication of a possible network intrusion;
selecting one of a plurality of computers in the network to become an intrusion detection platform, wherein selecting one of the plurality of computers is based on the indication of a possible network intrusion;

sending a request from a central server to the selected computer to install and execute intrusion detection software, wherein the request is sent in response to the received indication of the possible network intrusion; and

sending a message to the selected computer to cease execution of the intrusion detection software when a stop condition is detected, wherein the stop condition includes a condition that no intrusion has been detected for a period of time.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-5, 7-14, 23-30, 32-35, and 37-48 are allowed.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CARL COLIN whose telephone number is (571)272-3862. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8:00-6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser G. Moazzami can be reached on 571-272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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